Boston, Aug. 26, 1837.

Dear bro. George:

64 We arrived in Boston at quarter before 7 o'clock on Wednesday evening, and found an almost empty house. Eliza and Mary S. Parker have gone to visit their parents. The only boarders besides ourselves, are bro. Phelps, Mr. Babcock, and a young man. Bro. P. started yesterday morning for Farmington, but could not go conveniently by the way of Brooklyn. A [I have seen a good many of our best abolition friends since my return, and have received a very cordial greeting from them all. The Fitch party would be "less than nothing," were it not for the co-operation of our enemies with it.] Bro. Fuller assures me that there are not more than three members in the Free Church who can swallow the Appeal. Mr. Fitch will not probably remain here long. B [Bro. Whittier arrived here yesterday from New-York. I learn from him that our friends in New-York will not be disposed to make themselves a party in this controversy — though I do not see how they can fairly stand aloof from it. It behooves them to remember, that "silence gives consent" — and if they refuse to answer the Appeal, the enemy will construe their silence into a virtual approval of it. Bro. Stanton is also here, but expects to leave for N. Y. on Monday or Tuesday. He is somewhat cautious about committing himself, though he is disposed to stand by us. Father Bourne left to-day noon for N. Y. I have just read a letter from our friend

Lewis Tappan, addressed to Mr. Phelps, in reference to the "clerical" disaffection. He says H. C. Wright will be recalled by the Executive Committee, unless he ceases intermeaving his "no government" views with abolitionism. He thinks it is unfortunate that the Massachusetts Anti-Slavery Society is connected at all with the Liberator, as it gives the enemy some advantage in saying, that the Society is responsible for all that I write and publish. We are to have a Board meeting on Monday, expressly on this point; and what will be the result, I can hardly predict. Probably friend Knapp and myself will have to resume the pecuniary responsibilities of the paper, but these will probably be met by some of our brethren. If not, the paper cannot be sustained after the first of Jan. next.

I feel somewhat at a loss to know what to do — whether to go into all the principles of holy reform, and make the abolition cause subordinate, or whether still to persevere in the one beaten track as hitherto. Circumstances hereafter must determine this matter.]

Dear little George seems to miss his Brooklyn friends, and the old horse, the colt, the cows, and the hens, very much. He has already grown thin and pale, and is very restless. Helen will feel her confinement to two rooms as quite irksome — I wish she had somebody with her. We desire all possible love to be given to all the precious family circle.

Yours, lovingly, Wm. Lloyd Garrison.

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